

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Our Opportunity

THE Anglo-Americans are facing a first class crisis in Europe both from a military as well as from a political point of view. The German counter-attacks against the American First Army in Western Europe have, on the Anglo-Americans' own admission, developed into a major offensive. Latest reports admit that German attacks are violent and sustained, and have already resulted in many miles of penetration by the Germans into Belgium and Luxembourg.

While the military situation in Europe has thus become critical for the Anglo-Americans, they are faring no better from a political point of view, in the so-called liberated countries. The Franco-Soviet Russian alliance just concluded is a big slap in the faces of John Bull and Uncle Sam. The full wording of the alliance signed by De Gaulle and the Soviet Government and published in Moscow and Paris on Sunday confirms the fact that France has got under the Soviet sway in military, political, economic and also ideological respects. France which used to be Britain's continental dagger has been converted into a Soviet watchdog.

Stalin is getting his own way in Poland as well. In deference to his almighty wishes, Churchill has gone clean back on all Britain's repeated pledges to restore Poland to her pre-war integrity. Nothing can more clearly demonstrate Britain's utter impotence to resist Russia. And, it is this Russia which is now secretly supporting the Leftist elements in Greece, Belgium and other parts of Europe, which are proving such a thorn in the side of their British "Liberators."

The tragedy that is being enacted in Greece is only a curtain-raiser to the armed conflict that is bound to come sooner or later between Russian Communism and the Anglo-American imperialism.

Thus it is obvious that Britain and America are in for protracted strife and suffering. Their hopeless outlook in Asia only makes their gloomy prospect all the gloomier. Indeed, this is a golden opportunity for us Indians to wrest our freedom from the fell clutches of Britain. It is this realisation that is dominating the lives of three million Indians in East Asia today.

American Activities In Greece Limited

Lisbon, Dec. 18 (Domei)—Ostensibly to let the British take the full blame for the sanguinary developments in Greece, the United States War Department has issued a directive to the American Army personnel assigned to the military liaison in Greece, limiting American participation in the Greek crisis strictly to relief and rehabilitation, according to a Washington dispatch.

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Germans Launch Terrific Offensive On W. Front

Six Foe Warcraft Sunk, Damaged In Mindoro Waters

Seventeen B-29's Downed Over Nagoya In Enemy's Abortive Raid

Tokyo, Dec. 19 (Domei)—Continuing their relentless assaults against enemy warcraft and transports off San Jose, Mindoro Island, Philippines, the Nippon air force on the two days, December 17 and 18, sank three transports and heavily damaged and set ablaze two others, and also sank one cruiser or destroyer, Dai Honyei announced at 4 p.m. today.

The announcement reads:

"Firstly, our air units continuing to attack enemy warcraft and transports in waters off San Jose, Mindoro Island, on the two days December 17 and 18, achieved the following war results confirmed up to date: Instantaneously sank two transports, sank one transport, heavily damaged and set ablaze two other transports. Also sank one cruiser or destroyer.

Tokyo, Dec. 19 (Domei)—Our interception units brought down 17, including four probables, out of a formation of enemy B-29's which raided the Nagoya district yesterday, Dec. 18, Dai Honyei announced at 4 p.m. today. The announcement further said that our interception units inflicted damage on more than 20 other B-29's the same day.

Netaji "At Home" To Children

"Uncle! Catch me", "Uncle! Catch me."—These words from more than forty young throats echoed and re-echoed the serene atmosphere of Netaji's bungalow when he entertained yesterday evening a party of children of the workers of the Indian Independence League with sweets, cakes, fruits and tea.

As is the case with all great men, Netaji is very fond of children and had an extremely pleasant and carefree afternoon yesterday. He freely intermingled with them and participated in the children's game of "Hide and Seek", etc., and spent over two hours in their company. Both the host and young guests were very sorry when it was dusk and time to part with.

The pleasant company broke up with the singing of the National Song.

HUNDREDS OF TANKS, PLANES & OTHER MISSILES HURLED AGAINST ENEMY IN BIG PUSH

Foe Thrown Back In Many Sectors Several Vital Positions Occupied

Lisbon, Dec. 18 (Domei)—A United Press dispatch from the Western Front today reported that the Germans have opened up a terrific counter-offensive along a 120-kilometre front from the Monschau area, approximately 25 kilometres south of Aachen, to the tip of the southern Luxembourg border, in what was described as "the greatest enemy blow struck against American troops in Europe". The Germans are said to be hurling in hundreds of conserved planes, tanks, and many divisions as well as paratroops, in an all-out attempt to crack the anti-Axis lines. German Field-Marshal Karl Rudolf Gert Von Rundstedt was simultaneously reported to have told his troops that "the hour has struck" and they must "achieve the super-human for our Fatherland and our Fuehrer" anti-Axis reports added.

Anti-Axis military authorities directing the battle decided not to make public specific information now as to exact places where German columns are smashing through and how far they had advanced. However United States First Army dispatches said the Germans had gained several miles and the Americans were locked in battle. Dispatches indicated that penetration was made apparently at least four miles in one area, ten miles east of Malmédy, Belgian town just north of the Luxembourg border. Several German armoured divisions and infantry divisions are striking savagely

Berlin, Dec. 18 (Domei)—With large banner headlines German newspapers today announced the beginning of the German offensive on the Western Front. The first news which the German people received of the offensive having begun Saturday was when today's communique of the German High Command was read over the radio at 3 p.m. today. The faces of the German people expressed gratification that after many months of defensive action Germany was once again launching the offensive.

One newspaper bannerline read, "Offensive Battle For Liberation of German Soil in West". German newspapers have thus far not published any comments.

and bending back the lines of the fiercely struggling Americans. Elsewhere along the battlefield the Germans are delivering stiff punches aimed at seeking soft spots and there are indications the German offensive would mount in intensity.

Reports from the British Second Army front to the north said German planes in the greatest strength since the anti-Axis landings last June 6, had appeared in the skies over the Aachen sector. Indications of further impending German blows are seen in United States Third Army dispatches to the effect that the heaviest German rail movements ever seen behind the Third Army Front had been observed yesterday.

Nippon Forces Begin Big Offensive; Enemy Advance Checked In Ormoc

(By a War Correspondent)

A Nippon Frontline Base in the Philippines, December 18 (Domei)—Enemy troops moving northward in the Ormoc sector have been checkmated in their advance in the northern suburbs of Ormoc city by our ground forces which, in co-ordinated action with our "Takachiho" paratroops and other crack reinforcement units, launched most vigorous counter-attacks.

The enemy forces operating in the Ormoc-Ipil sector are estimated at about 3,000 strong supported by at least three artillery pieces, four trench-

mortars, ten other heavy firearms and also ten-odd tanks.

In the meantime our ground units, who succeeded in capturing the enemy airfield at San Pablo, have strengthened their newly acquired positions. At the same time these troops continued to carry out daring charging attacks deep into the enemy lines defending Dulag airfield several times during the day and night. The effectiveness of these close-quarter assaults being carried out by our troops is seen in the fact that enemy troops in their confusion are now making frantic efforts to remove their planes from Dulag to Tacloban.

Strikes, Sabotage & Revolt Cripple India War Effort

Anti-British Revolution Hits Climax; Transport System Disorganised

The revolutionary forces in India are vigorously continuing their sabotage activities and thereby steadily undermining the British war effort, reveals the latest reports received here today.

The repercussions of the sabotage activities on the railway transport and coal industry are reported to be serious, particularly in Bihar Province where the anti-British activities are at its worst. The peasants of Bihar, who have risen up in open revolt and rebellion against the British, have destroyed the railway lines in various places. Railway engines and wagons have also been destroyed in large numbers. Strikes in the Bihar and other coal mines which are still continuing, have brought about quite an acute crisis in the coal industry.

According to a New Delhi report yesterday, Sir Edward Benthall, the so-called War Transport Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, in a speech in Calcutta yesterday, referred at length to the gravity of the situation. Admitting the seriousness of the railway transport position as a whole, Sir Edward Benthall said that the position will be very stringent during the coming months. Frantic efforts, however, are being made by the authorities to manufacture railway engines and wagons in India, said the War Transport Member, but the attitude of Indian labour being what it is, that is, utterly anti-British, the Railway Transport Member could not give any assurance as to when, if at all, the transport problem is expected to be solved.

Continuing, Sir Edward Benthall also admitted that the coal crisis was quite serious. The production in recent months was so insignificant, he said, that the demand for wagons for loading coal was very much reduced.

Provisional Govt. Day Postponed To 24th

This month the celebration of the Provisional Government Day in Syonan is postponed from 21st to 24th instant when Netaji is expected to address a Mass Rally.

The time and the place of the meeting will be announced in Azad Hind papers in due course.

Nippon's Gallant Airmen Eager To Smash Br. Navy

(By a War Correspondent)

A Nippon Frontline Base in the Indian Ocean, December 18 (Domei)—Dauntless young members of our air force here are itching for action, impatiently waiting for a chance to deal deadly blows on British naval forces which recently began to show increasing signs of activity.

This is the first impression your correspondent received upon setting foot on this airbase. All the young officers interviewed were unanimous in declaring that their comrades, especially those members of our famed Special Attack Air Corps, now wreaking havoc on the American invasion forces in the Philippines theatre of war, have shown them valuable lessons in assault tactics which will be employed against the British in the impending battle in the Indian Ocean. Here also is a new Special Attack Air Corps organized to extend the "reception of certain death" to the British naval force which might undertake a reckless attempt to attack our positions in the Indian Ocean.

In the forthcoming attacks against the British in this theatre of war, body-crash tactics will be employed in the most effective and gallant way, your correspondent was told by the young members of this air force. Your correspondent learned that reconnaissance flights had been made by these airmen repeatedly over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands sectors. This gave your correspondent the impression that the British naval forces will be subjected to a baptism of death by our airmen along a line west of the Andamans and Nicobars.

With all the young officers and men of this air force determined to smash any enemy attempts to attack our positions, your correspondent was convinced that the existence of a special attack air corps here adds to our impregnable defence of the Indian Ocean which will be turned into a veritable graveyard for the British naval forces in the battles to come.

Scottish Workers Protest Against Br. Greek Policy

Lisbon, Dec. 18 (Domei)—One hundred and fifty thousand shipyard and factory workers in Western Scotland today held mass meetings protesting against the Churchill Government's policy of bloody military intervention in Greece, according to a London dispatch.

More than 200 factories and shipyards were said to have been involved.

During the meetings, resolutions demanding that the Government arrange an armistice in Greece were passed and telegrams to this effect were sent to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Meantime, another Reuter's dispatch said that the British Labour Ministry has strongly warned 550 striking boiler-makers of the Vickers Armstrong naval yard at Walker-on-Tyne to return to their jobs, asserting that they are seriously holding up the conduct of the war, especially in the Far East.

Battle For Philippines Reaches Crucial Stage; Annihilation Of Enemy Pacific Forces Inevitable

Tokyo, Dec. 19 (Domei)—The enemy's reckless adventure of undertaking another landing operation against Mindoro Island is bound to provide our air force with a God-sent opportunity to smash the enemy's precariously lengthened supply line, thereby completely isolating the American invaders for their inevitable annihilation at the hands of our forces, competent military circles here confidently declared today.

They pointed out that Mindoro Island, where the enemy managed to effect a fresh landing, constitutes the core of our "air fortresses" in the Philippines. These military circles, however, admitted that the battle for the Philippines will reach a stage of utmost intensity as the result of the enemy landing on Mindoro Island. Future developments in the battle for the Philippines will be such that they will determine the ultimate outcome of the "battle of decision" that is now raging throughout the whole Pacific theatre of war.

These military circles believed that the enemy's landing operation against Mindoro Island is designed to break the stalemate on the Leyte front where the enemy, despite his large invasion force of 140,000 strong and enormous quantities of supplies thrown in, suffered bitter frustration at the hands of our air and ground forces in his attempt to advance his land based air strength from New Guinea to the Philippines.

In his desperate attempt to break the stalemate on the Leyte front, they pointed out, the enemy risked the danger of a diversion of his available armed strength in the Philippines sector by undertaking a fresh landing operation against Mindoro Island. They further pointed out that this landing operation means the further

lengthening of his already dangerously extended supply line. They believed that tremendous difficulty is involved in the enemy's frantic efforts to keep his landed troops well provided.

Such difficulty is bound to be increased by the fact that Mindoro Island is so located as to constitute the very centre of our Philippines-based air force, which is now in a position to strike at will at the enemy on his vulnerable point, these circles declared.

Once the enemy's supply line is severed, they added, the new enemy landing force on Mindoro, estimated at one division strong, will be isolated and doomed to annihilation. With our Philippines-based air force rapidly reaching its maximum strength, the annihilation campaign against the enemy invasion forces both on Leyte and Mindoro will be vigorously pushed ahead as the battle for the Philippines assumes a sudden momentum in the weeks to come, these military circles confidently predicted.

Belgian Coal Miners Threaten To Cease Work

Lisbon, Dec. 18 (Domei)—Belgium, which already is extremely short of fuel for heating and transportation purposes, is threatened with a coal strike, according to a Reuter's message from Brussels today.

The Communist-controlled Belgian Miners Syndicate has called a strike for Wednesday if their organization is not recognized as a trade union with powers of negotiation, the dispatch said.

Belgian steel-workers were reported to have promised to go on a sympathy strike with the coal miners.

Franco-Russian Alliance Treaty Upsets London

Lisbon, Dec. 19 (Domei)—Although the latest Franco-Soviet treaty of alliance and mutual assistance generally is regarded as directed chiefly against Germany, British circles in London are somewhat apprehensive lest the present trend in concluding bilateral agreements may affect the Dumbarton Oaks security structure and create suspicions in the United States, which is opposed to any return of a tendency towards power politics, according to Roland Liem, Reuter's correspondent in London.

The correspondent learns reliably that Paris expects to make a similar agreement with London in order to complete the so-called peace triangle but says well-informed observers believe that the whole European situation first would have to be surveyed by Britain, the United States and Russia before such an agreement is concluded.

In London, the Franco-Soviet pact is considered as a personal triumph for Charles de Gaulle by which the latter has enormously strengthened his position vis-a-vis the French resistance and Left Wing parties, the correspondent says. It is pointed out that De Gaulle sought and succeeded in securing the strongest support for security against Germany from the east.

De Gaulle also is regarded to have strengthened France's position among the big powers in Europe and freed France to a certain extent from the "tutelage" of the big anti-Axis powers.

"Elas" Ultimatum To Br. Forces In Greece

Lisbon, Dec. 18 (Domei)—Robert Bigio, Reuter's special correspondent, today reported from Athens that fierce fighting raged in the Greek capital throughout the night with the intensity of the battles increasing toward dawn.

The sound of machinegun fire and artillery shelling were said to have reverberated throughout the city, which was lit up luridly by the light of flares, as British planes roared overhead seeking to spot "ELAS" concentrations.

Six hundred "ELAS" troops, dispatches said, have launched an attack on the British air headquarters in Greece and an R.A.F. land army regiment is desperately defending itself against the assault from within a group of buildings, including an hotel.

A communique issued by Major-General Ronald Scobie, Officer Commanding British Forces in Greece, today said that British and Indian troops are regaining control of the Phaleron-Piraeus coastal road and the main Phaleron-Athens road which "ELAS" elements had been holding in some strength.

The communique, admitting the seriousness of the situation in the Volos area, approximately 150 kilometres north-west of Athens, reported that an "ELAS" commander has presented an ultimatum to British and Indian forces there to quit the town.

Hanson Baldwin Issues Warning To Americans

Lisbon, Dec. 18 (Domei)—Hanson Baldwin, well-known New York Times military commentator, commenting on the new American landing on Mindoro Island, said that the Philippines campaign has reached a new crisis and warned that the dispatch of large convoys into the Sulu Sea to Mindoro "may mean that we have to accept large ship losses", according to a dispatch received here.

Baldwin added: "For the first time we have sent our shipping into narrow waters west of the Philippines waters that are 'happy hunting grounds' of Nippon submarines and torpedo craft, and into an area where Nippon planes can converge on us from many directions."

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